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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Applicati	ion of:)		
Jia Ping Li, Pierre Jean François Layrolle, and Klaas de Groot) Exa	Examiner: Ling X. Xu	
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	US METALS AND METAL INGS FOR IMPLANTS))		

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TRANSMITTAL LETTER

In regard to the above identified application, we are transmitting herewith the attached Response to Restriction Requirement mailed September 14, 2005

With respect to additional fees, no additional fee is required. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-0733.

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: 201241 28, 205

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